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In re Application of

LI GONG, et al.

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For: LAYER-INDEPENDENT SECURITY FOR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this continuing prosecution application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (AMENDED) A method for providing communication protocol[-] layer independent security for data transmitted between a first process, executing on a first network node, and a second process, executing on a second network node, wherein the first network node and the second network node each support at least one common communication protocol layer, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) establishing a communication channel between the first network node and the second network node;
- b) establishing a first stream between the first process and the communication channel;